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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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OF AN INTERCONNECTION

AGREEMENT WITH QWEST

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AUTOTEL FOR ARBITRATION

PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(b) OF

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT

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**OWEST CORPORATION'S REPLY** TO AUTOTEL'S RESPONSE TO **QWEST'S MOTION TO DISMISS** 

Owest Corporation ("Owest"), pursuant to the Procedural Order issued in this docket on April 6, 2004, hereby submits its Reply to Autotel's Response to Qwest's Motion to Dismiss filed on or about April 12, 2004.

Autotel filed its Petition for Arbitration on February 27, 2004. Because Owest was not aware that Autotel was providing any Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") in Arizona at that time, it checked the website of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to determine whether Autotel was licensed to operate radio transmitters in Arizona. Owest was unable to locate any licenses for CMRS in Arizona under the names of Autotel or Western Radio Services Co., an Oregon corporation the principal of which is Richard Oberdorfer, who is also the principal of Autotel. On this basis, Qwest filed its Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, Response to Autotel's Petition for Arbitration on March 23, 2004.

The basis of Owest's motion was that Autotel did not appear to be authorized by the FCC to provide CMRS in Arizona. Qwest also noted that Autotel was not authorized 1 b
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by this Commission to provide wireline telecommunications service in Arizona, thereby eliminating the possibility that Autotel was seeking interconnection to provide wireline telecommunications services as a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC"). Therefore, Qwest saw no basis for expending its or the Commission's resources arbitrating an interconnection agreement with Autotel when Autotel had no authority to provide telecommunications services in Arizona.

Autotel responded to Qwest's motion on or about April 12, 2004, arguing in essence that the motion should be denied because Autotel was not required to obtain authorization from the Commission to provide CMRS in Arizona and that Qwest had a duty to negotiate in good faith. This argument missed the point of Qwest's motion, which was that Autotel did not appear to have authority from the FCC to provide CMRS in Arizona or from the Commission to provide wireline telecommunications services in Arizona. In addition, the issue of whether Qwest would negotiate in good faith, which Qwest has always been willing to do, is not germane to a motion to dismiss a petition for arbitration on the ground that Autotel did not appear to have authority from any source to provide telecommunications services in Arizona.

Since Qwest filed its motion, Mr. Oberdorfer, at Qwest's request, has provided information to Qwest that there are various licenses from the FCC to operate radio transmitters in Arizona in his name. These licenses are not in the name of Autotel, and Qwest does not know whether Mr. Oberdorfer or Autotel has commenced construction of facilities or offering of services in Arizona pursuant to the licenses or whether Mr. Oberdorfer plans to transfer these licenses to Autotel or otherwise provide authority for Autotel to provide CMRS in Arizona pursuant to the licenses. Nonetheless, because Mr. Oberdorfer is the principal of Autotel, it appears that at least some aspects of this problem may be subject to correction. Therefore, Qwest suggests that its Motion to Dismiss be held in abeyance and that the arbitration proceed, reserving to Qwest the right to renew

the motion if circumstances demonstrate that Autotel is not qualified to do business in 1 Arizona, does not have a license or licenses from the FCC to provide CMRS in portions 2 of Arizona in which Owest is the incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") or does not 3 appear to be proceeding to provide such services. 4 5 DATED this 28th day of April, 2004. 6 Norman Curtright 7 **QWEST CORPORATION** 8 4041 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012 9 (602) 630-2187 10 -and-11 FENNEMORE CRAIG, P.C. 12 13 14 **Timothy Berg** 15 Theresa Dwyer 3003 N. Central Ave, Suite 2600 16 Phoenix, Arizona 85012 (602) 916-5421 17 -and-18 Gregory B. Monson 19 Ted D. Smith STOEL RIVES LLP 20 201 South Main Street, Suite 1100 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 21 Attorneys for Qwest Corporation 22 23 24 25

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